

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor People Incorporated, a leading nonprofit and human service agency in western New York.

This year, People Incorporated is celebrating its 50th year of service to western New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as families and older adults.

The agency was founded in 1970 by a small group of parents and professionals to better meet the needs of people with disabilities and their loved ones.

Since then, People Incorporated has grown and expanded its services. They currently serve over 10,000 individuals and families every single year.

People Incorporated provides access to housing and healthcare in a safe and welcoming environment. Their innovative services have helped thousands of people across western New York to live independently.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking People Incorporated for 50 years of compassionate community care.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DORIS WILZ

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, small business owner, and a dear friend to many in my hometown of Ottumwa.

On October 20, Doris Wilz passed away at the age of 93. Born and raised in Ottumwa, Doris was known by many as being the one who always went above and beyond for the betterment of the community. As a young widow, Doris met Karl Wilz, a small business owner and also recently widowed with four small children, the youngest of which was around three. They got married, and Doris went forward to help him conduct two small businesses in two towns 30 miles apart.

Whether it was through serving customers at one of the family's small businesses or volunteering at Ottumwa Regional Health Center, comforting patients and making cookies for the families at McCreery Cancer Center, Doris always loved to put a smile on the face of others.

But when asked what her greatest passion in life was, Doris would say her four children, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Doris' gentle smile, melodious laugh, and encouragement meant so much to so many and drew people to her, including myself, and I am honored she considered me a friend.

Madam Speaker, I thank Doris for contributing to our community, and I will keep her, her family, and her loved ones in my prayers.

#### LEADING THE CHARGE TO FIGHT THE CLIMATE CRISIS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today, not alone, but on the shoulders of hundreds of advocates and activists leading the charge to fight this climate crisis with the urgency it demands.

Over the past couple months, I have stood here almost every week calling for bold investments in clean energy infrastructure and climate solutions in the Build Back Better Act.

But I know when we pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act, it will be because of the efforts of so many advocates.

For years, Nevadans from the Nevada Conservation League, the League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, Chispa, the Environmental Defense Fund, and Battle Born Progress and so many other hardworking organizations have come together to demand climate action.

Now, thanks to your hard work, I am confident that we will pass historic investment in clean energy infrastructure and build back better for our future.

The time to act on climate is now.

#### DEMOCRATS FAIL TO LIVE UP TO PROMISES

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS OF Texas. Madam Speaker, President Biden and the Democrats promised back in March their \$1.8 trillion American Rescue Plan would end the pandemic and get us on a path of economic recovery.

Well, it was a lie.

It is now 8 months later, and neither has been accomplished. What the Democrats' failed recovery plan has done is caused the highest inflation rate in decades, worsened the supply chain crisis, and eliminated the incentive to work, fallen over a million jobs short of President Biden's and Speaker PELOSI's job guarantees.

More lies.

On top of failed economic progress, this summer we saw one of the worst surges of COVID since the pandemic started.

And now we are witnessing President Biden and Speaker PELOSI pushing for trillions more dollars to deliver their radical socialistic agenda and more lies.

Democrats fail to live up to any of the promises they have made to the American people, and the taxpayers have lost total trust and confidence in their pathetic leadership and their lies.

In God we trust.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### EMPOWER MEDICARE TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I stand for patients and taxpayers in support of empowering Medicare to negotiate drug prices and to pass on the savings to lower out-of-pocket costs. We must seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to make healthcare affordable and to promote the development of new cures.

Some policymakers have argued that lowering costs and sustaining biomedical R&D are an either/or proposition, that Medicare negotiation for all drugs in parts B and D must necessarily degrade innovation. I disagree. Cracking down on exploitations of exclusivity with thoughtful policy could turbocharge new therapeutics and lower the price of old ones with the effect of lowering out-of-pocket costs for patients, promoting high-impact science, and saving the government money that Congress can use to expand health insurance for low-income Americans and senior citizens.

That policy is within reach, and I strongly support meaningful Medicare negotiation in the Build Back Better agenda.

#### HONORING HUBERT PETERKIN

(Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Hoke County Sheriff Dr. Hubert Peterkin died unexpectedly last Friday during surgery and from a previous unannounced affliction of cancer. For the people of Hoke County, whom Sheriff Peterkin served in that capacity for 19 years, it has been a devastating shock and loss. I consider it to have been my honor and privilege to have gotten to know him briefly.

Sheriff Peterkin wore the badge over three decades. His fellow sheriffs elected him vice president and then president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association. But, of course, as sheriff, he maintained not only law and order but community cohesion in that special way that rural communities throughout my State do so well. Peterkin's terrific presence earned him many awards and recognitions, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and the key to the city of Raeford.

Sheriff Peterkin leaves behind his wife and two children to cherish his memory as well as many colleagues and friends. The people of Hoke County will miss his leadership, and I join them in lifting up the Peterkin family in prayer.

#### HONORING JESSE AND ROSEMARIE GOMEZ

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Jesse Gomez and his lovely wife, and good friend of mine, Rosemarie Gomez.

Jesse was elected East Chicago city councilman in 1963, making him the first person of Hispanic descent to be elected to political office in East Chicago. Jesse's time in office opened political doors for the Hispanic community throughout the city and northwest Indiana.

Jesse's wife, Rosemarie, was elected to replace him on the council, making her the first Hispanic female to serve in political office in East Chicago. Rosemarie dedicated much of her time to the East Chicago Public Library, volunteering countless hours to help support readers and future leaders. Rosemarie was also very proud to help decorate an annual Mexican-themed Christmas tree for the library's "Christmas Around the World" exhibit.

Madam Speaker, our Nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people, including the extraordinary contributions of citizens such as Jesse and Rosemarie Gomez.

#### CRISIS AT THE BORDER

(Mr. PFLUGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, crisis after crisis after crisis.

We now know that over 2.1 million people have illegally entered this country this year. That is 1.7 million who have been apprehended, the highest number ever on record. And 400,000 additional gotaways that the administration is now owning up to; yet we know nothing about them, we know nothing about their intent for this country, we know nothing about what they are doing.

And more fentanyl has been seized by CBP at our southern border to kill seven times over every single American.

Even as migrant caravans with thousands of migrants march toward our border, this administration continues to mislead and deny that we have a crisis.

I am extremely concerned about who is facilitating these caravans and what organizations are involved in the drug and human trafficking along the way.

The blame for this crisis falls squarely on the Biden administration and his open-border policies. Biden has abandoned Texans, and this administration's blatant disregard and incompetence for border security is endangering every single American. Let me again say that the President is abandoning not just Texans, but every American.

This administration needs to get back to work, and I urge the Democrats to come to the table.

#### RECOGNIZING WAYNE METRO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, a service organization based in Wayne County, Michigan, in my district.

Today, they celebrate 50 years of assisting southeastern Michigan's most vulnerable populations, a truly remarkable milestone.

Wayne Metro's staff and organizational leadership's holistic approach to serving our communities translates to exceptional service that has put many families on the path to a better quality of life.

Whether it is connecting a resident to emergency housing, helping with utility payments, or financial coaching, Wayne Metro has been a trusted agency for so many of my residents.

Their longevity is a testament to the trust in their reputation as a responsive and caring community partner in service. It has always been one of the main reasons I work very closely with them.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Wayne Metro Community Action Agency on 50 years of service and best wishes on many more to come.

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#### HONORING TROOPER TED BENDA

(Mrs. HINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the passing of a hero with deep roots in the tight-knit community of Waukon, Iowa, Iowa State Patrol Trooper Ted Benda.

On October 14, Trooper Benda was on duty, answering the calls of citizens in northeast Iowa, when he experienced a tragic accident. He later passed from his injuries on October 20.

This is the devastating loss of a father, a husband, a son, a friend, a mentor, a dedicated public servant who made it his life's mission to keep his community safe in Iowa.

This tragedy is a reminder that brave law enforcement officers often sacrifice for a purpose greater than themselves. So I join all Iowans in mourning the loss of Trooper Benda, and my heart is with his family, his friends, and fellow troopers during this very difficult time.

#### HONORING CORPORAL HUNTER LOPEZ

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Hunter Lopez and to urge the Senate to pass H.R. 5142 to give our Nation's servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, the recognition they deserve.

H.R. 5142 would posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, our Nation's highest honor, to the 13 heroes in uniform we lost that day, including my constituent, Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez from Indio.

Corporal Lopez gave his life to save the lives of others. In fact, just moments before the explosion went off, he had pulled two little girls out of the fleeing crowd, preventing them from being crushed and saving their lives. Because of him, two children now have a future and the promise of a new life, many thousands reached safety, and many others have a reason to hope.

And because of his efforts and the work of his fellow servicemembers, over 120,000 of our fellow Americans and allies were able to evacuate, and our Armed Forces completed the largest airlift in human history.

Madam Speaker, we must honor their sacrifice to our Nation. We must award them the Congressional Gold Medal.

#### HEAT YOUR HOME TAX

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the heat your home tax that Democrats are adding to the partisan reconciliation package during our country's crippling economic crisis.

Americans are paying the most for a gallon of gas in 7 years, and now the Federal Government is warning Americans that their home heating bills could cost 54 percent more this winter compared to last.

This harmful provision authorizes the EPA to assess a \$1,500 tax per ton of methane emissions on energy producers, transmission, storage, processors, import and export, and pipelines. As a result, gas prices will continue to skyrocket, heating bills will increase up to \$242 per year, and thousands of jobs could be eliminated in the economy.

Madam Speaker, Americans will physically feel the effects of Democrats' senseless tax hike when choosing whether they can afford to heat their homes this winter. Instead of addressing our country's energy crisis at hand, Democrats are actively working to make it worse.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to consider these chilling effects and vote against the Democrats' reckless reconciliation package.

#### PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Mr. BOWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1